Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116 Expedited Procedure Examining Group 1700 PATENT APPLICATION

Reply to Office Action of October 30, 2002

Appl. No. 09/253,638 Amdt. dated April 28, 2003



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.

09/253,638

Applicant

Keisuke OGURO et al.

Filed

February 19, 1999

Title

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING POLYMERIC ACTUATORS

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Group Art Unit

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Examiner

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Fred Zitomer

Docket No.

1217-990257

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on October 30, 2002 and the period set for response was 3 months, bringing the response to be due on January 30, 2003. Therefore, a three-month extension of time will bring the response due on April 30, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$930.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. A response to the outstanding Action is filed concurrently herewith as well as a Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on April 28, 2003.

Angela Sabatini
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Signature

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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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